

EIGHTEEN LIVES  
SACRIFICED IN  
TRAIN WRECKSunday Night Montreal Train  
Out of Boston Crashed In-  
to Rear of Local Train Near  
Lincoln, Mass., Last Night.INJURED NUMBER  
THIRTY-ONE PERSONSWreckage Caught Fire and  
Many of the Victims Caught  
By the Timbers Met Hor-  
rible Death.

Lincoln, Mass., Nov. 27.—Eighteen are now reported to have been killed in the wreck of the Fitchburg line of the Boston & Maine railroad last night, with thirty-one seriously injured. It is the worst railroad accident in Massachusetts for many years. The regular Sunday night express which left Boston at 7:45 o'clock for Montreal via the Rutland system, crashed into the rear of a local train which started from Boston at 7:15 for points on the main line and Marlboro branch.

The detailed dead are:  
—Lyons, fireman of the Montreal train.  
—Anna Hillbridge, aged 5 years, Acton, died in Pullman car of express shortly after being taken from wreckage.  
—Daniel Weatherbee, Acton.  
—May Campbell, Maynard.  
—William J. Harris, Maynard.  
—Three-year-old child of Mr. Harris.  
—May Collins, Concord Junction.  
—Nelle Sweeney, Concord.  
—Magan, Concord.

Partial List of the Injured:  
The following persons were taken to the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston:  
—Harry Broadbent, Maynard, scalp wounds, concussion, condition fair.  
—Andrew Carlson, Maynard, fractured pelvis, internal injuries, dislocated shoulder, condition very serious.

The wreckage caught fire and several of the passengers were caught and incinerated before they had a chance to be released from the debris. Few persons live in the vicinity of Baker's bridge station and no fire department was available, so that the flames practically burned themselves out. The injured passengers and a number of train hands assisted by villagers went to the aid of the injured, and many persons were hastily carried or otherwise assisted out of the ruins and out of danger from fire.

A special train was sent from Boston by the Boston & Maine management at 9:35 o'clock and reached the place inside of a half hour. The train brought a number of doctors and appliances for aiding the injured. Dozens of doctors from Waltham and other places in this section were sent to the scene in carriages and by train. The railroad station and a number of dwelling houses were turned into temporary hospitals, and many volunteer nurses assisted materially in relieving the suffering of the injured men and women. Just before 11:30 o'clock a special train carrying those who were most seriously hurt and who could be moved in safety left for Boston, where arrangements were made to have all the available ambulances convey the maimed to the hospital.

**Reasons for Accident.**  
According to the statement of persons who were at the depot there, a brakeman was sent to place a fuse or red fire torch some distance in the rear. The night was unusually dark, owing to a dense mist, which came up from the Sudbury river. According to those at the station, the torch had not been set more than a minute before the rear of a heavy train around a curve a short distance east of the depot was heard. Those on the station platform were helpless, for within a few seconds the headlight of an on-rushing locomotive penetrated the mist and before a hand could be lifted to warn the passengers in the local train, the two powerful engines, traveling at an estimated speed of 35 miles an hour, crashed into the standing coaches. The impact was so terrific that it was heard by persons living in mile distant and the spot where a train load of people had stood a moment before became an indescribable scene of death and ruin. Following the crash, the shrieks of the injured and the shouts of those who hastened to the rescue could be heard at times above the hiss of escaping steam.

The leading locomotive telescoped the rear car of the Marlboro train and the second engine forced the demolished mass against the third car of the local and completely wrecked it. In these two cars all but two of the fatalities occurred and practically all of the injuries. The collision destroyed the forward locomotive of the Montreal express and the engine following, although considerably damaged, did not leave the rails. None of the cars of the express was thrown from the track and the collision apparently had little effect upon those in

them. The passengers stated afterward that the shock was comparatively slight, especially in view of the rate of speed at which the train was traveling.

The wreck was primarily due to thick weather which apparently obscured signals set by the forward train, which at the time of the disaster was standing in front of Baker's bridge station. The Montreal train, drawn by two locomotives and consisting of nine cars, crashed into the rear of the local, demolishing the two rear cars.

All of the passengers killed and seriously injured were in these cars. The passengers lived in Concord, West Acton, Maynard, Hudson, Marlboro and several smaller towns in the Assabet valley. None of the passengers on the Montreal train was seriously hurt, but the engineer and fireman of the leading locomotive were killed.

**Travelled Through Vermont.**

The train upon which practically all the casualties occurred, left the North station in Boston at 7:15 with four cars filled with people, most of whom had been visiting relatives in that city and vicinity. This train stops at nearly all the local stations between Boston and Marlboro. The train runs over the main line of the Fitchburg division as far as South Acton, 25 miles west of Boston. At South Acton it is switched on to the Marlboro branch on the same division and is due in Marlboro at nine o'clock.

The second train which figured in the collision is known as the Sunday night Montreal express, which runs over the Fitchburg division to Bellows Falls, Vt., whence it proceeds over the Rutland railroad through Rutland and Burlington, Vt., and St. Hyacinthe, Que.

The train leaves Boston at 7:45 on Sundays only. Last night's express consisted of two locomotives, two milk cars, two baggage cars, mail car, three coaches and a Pullman sleeper.

Some who were reported killed were subsequently accounted for and at noon the deaths numbered 18. The injured at hospitals are reported as progressing favorably. Among the dead are a number who are unidentified.

NORTHFIELD MAN  
KILLED IN WRECK

L. A. Hutchinson, One of Three Killed  
at South Waterboro, Maine—All  
the Bodies Were Badly  
Mangled.

Nashua, Nov. 27.—Richard H. Proctor, aged 22 years, of 5 Winter street, and Alfred A. Jeannotte, aged 21 years, of 38 Park street, this city, and L. A. Hutchinson of Northfield, Vt., train lands, were killed in a crash between two freight trains at South Waterboro, Me., at midnight Saturday night. Pathetic in the extreme were the incidents surrounding the deaths of the first two men. Both were the only supports of widowed mothers, and Proctor, who had been married only a year, became a father Saturday, when his wife gave birth to a daughter.

The trains in collision were the regular freight which left here on the Worcester, Portland and Nashua division of the Boston and Maine railroad, in charge of Engineer J. Peterson of this city and a special freight which left Portland at 9:05 o'clock, drawn by two locomotives in charge of Engineers Woodbury and Daniels. The special, it is said, had orders to pass the other train, and supposing that the regular train was waiting upon the siding to let the special pass, the engineer of the double header considered that they had a clear track.

Only the engine and seven cars of the regular train had passed from the main track, when the "double header" appeared, traveling at a good speed. Before the engines of either train could be brought to a standstill, the double header struck the regular almost squarely in the middle, piling up in a great mass of wreckage, the two locomotives and a number of cars. The two engines, when they saw that a collision was inevitable, jumped and escaped with slight injuries. Jeannotte was riding in the cab, as head brakeman, and Proctor and Hutchinson, who were the two firemen, were riding on the opposite side from the engineers and on the side of the engine cab which was swept away by the colliding cars. All three were probably instantly killed and their bodies horribly mangled.

**Another Wreck.**  
St. Louis, Nov. 27.—The California limited, bound for St. Louis on the Missouri Pacific road, collided with a freight train near Leeds, Mo., Saturday night. Thirty persons are reported injured.

**LIFE AND PROPERTY NOT SAFE.**

British Agent at Sevastopol Cables to Paris.

Paris, Nov. 27.—A British agent at Sevastopol, Russia, cables for help saying that life and property are no longer safe in that city.

**JURY DISAGREED.**

In \$50,000 Breach of Promise Suit in Dedham, Mass.

Dedham, Mass., Nov. 27.—The jury in the \$50,000 breach of promise suit of Jane N. Allen, against Charles W. Lyman, of Brookline, reported a disagreement this morning.

PROCESSION  
OF M'CURDY'SReported They Have All Re-  
signed Today.

FROM THE MUTUAL LIFE

President Richard A. McCurdy, His Son,  
Robert McCurdy, General Manager,  
and Son-in-law Louis Thebaud,  
General Agent.

New York, Nov. 27.—It is unofficially announced today that Richard A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life, has resigned; also that Robert McCurdy, general manager, and Louis Thebaud, general agent, son and son-in-law respectively of President McCurdy, have resigned.

SENATOR BURTON  
WAS FOUND GUILTY

Of Receiving Compensation for Practic-  
ing as Attorney While He Was a  
United States Senator.

St. Louis, Nov. 27.—United States Senator J. Ralph Burton of Kansas, convicted yesterday morning in the federal circuit court on all six counts of an indictment charging that he agreed to receive and did receive compensation in St. Louis for practicing as an attorney for the Rialto Grain and Securities company of St. Louis before the postoffice department in Washington while a senator was called before Judge Vandevanter at ten o'clock this morning to receive sentence. The maximum penalty for the offense is imprisonment for two years and a fine of \$10,000 on each of the six counts.

Senator Burton's attorneys last night said that they would immediately ask for a new trial. If Judge Vandevanter overrules the motion a notice of appeal will be filed.

Senator Burton remained at his hotel all day. He denied himself to visitors and refused requests for any statement.

## BIG TELEPHONE DEAL.

Hudson River Branch of Bell System the  
Purchaser.

Granville, N. Y., Nov. 27.—One of the biggest telephone deals that ever took place in Vermont has been consummated in the purchase by the Granville Telephone company of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company's interests at Poultney, Fair Haven, West Haven and Castleton and the Hudson River Telephone company's holdings at Ticonderoga, Whitehall, Granville, Salem and Cambridge, N. Y. To the general public it is announced that this is the way the deal stands but it is understood that the Hudson River branch of the Bell system has really absorbed the Granville company. The home office is still in this village but the business is conducted on a much larger basis than formerly. The transaction is the final result of a long war waged by the Bell company against some small independent concerns, including the Cooperant company of Whitehall, which made big inroads on local business in that section.

BOSTON BANK CLOSED  
BY THE DIRECTORS

After Fruitless Efforts to Have Bank  
Liquidated by Another Corpora-  
tion—Examiner W. E. Neal  
Is Receiver.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—The American National Bank of Boston has been closed by order of the directors, after fruitless efforts to have the bank liquidated by another corporation. Examiner W. E. Neal has been appointed receiver.

## AUTOPSY HELD.

Naval Medical Officers Examined the  
Body of Midshipman Branch.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 27.—The body of Midshipman James R. Branch, Jr., who died Nov. 7, after a fist fight with Midshipman Miner Meriwether, was dissected yesterday and an autopsy was held by a board of naval medical officers, pursuant to orders of the secretary of the navy. The condition of the body was found to be such that those who made the autopsy will be able to answer questions that have arisen during the Meriwether trial as to the condition of Midshipman Branch's heart and other organs prior to the fight.

## REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

William Lieb, U. S. Assistant Treasurer  
at Philadelphia.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—President Roosevelt this morning removed from office William Lieb, United States treasurer at Philadelphia, for violation of the civil service rules.

**Celebrated 90th Birthday.**

Rutland, Nov. 27.—Smith F. Kelley of this city celebrated his ninetieth birthday Saturday night with a dinner party. Four generations were present. Mr. Kelley was born in Danby and always lived in this vicinity.

TROLLEY STRUCK HIM.  
Alfred Sweetney of Burlington Is Now  
In Hospital.

Burlington, Nov. 27.—Car No. 6 of the North Avenue and Pine street line, in charge of Motorman Warner and Conductor Lacey, on its 7:30 o'clock trip last evening coming out of the Lakeside spur, struck Alfred Sweetney, who was lying beside the track. The motorman of the car had noticed on his trip to Lakeside a man staggering from the track to the road and back again.

After he was struck, the car was stopped and the man placed aboard and taken to the office of Dr. Hazen on Pine street. A three-inch triangular wound extending to the scalp had been inflicted by his head coming in contact with the car scraper. His wounds were dressed and the man was taken to the Mary Fletcher hospital. He was in an unconscious state last evening. The doctors do not know how seriously he is injured and will be unable to tell until he regains consciousness.

## FELL 65 FEET.

Pittsford Lumber Man Was Badly In-  
jured.

Bethel, Nov. 27.—A man named Patterson, 45 years of age, employed by the West End Lumber company of Pittsford, was putting up a smoke stack at one of the company's mills Saturday afternoon. He was up 65 feet on a pole which was not properly guyed. The pole fell, carrying Mr. Patterson down to the roof of the mill, which he struck with terrible force, causing a compound fracture of the right ankle and crushing the left foot. Dr. Greene of Bethel was called and dressed the man's injuries. He will be laid up for several months.

KIND EXPRESSIONS IN  
THEIR BEREAVEMENT

Parents of Victims of Drowning Accident  
Are Extended Sympathy at the  
Funerals of Three Boys.

The double funeral of Frank and John Bianchi, the little sons of Mr. and Mrs. Marcello Bianchi, who met their death by drowning in Stevens branch Friday afternoon at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Dr. M. McKenna officiating. The church was well filled with friends, relatives and others who wished to express their sympathy for the bereaved parents. The floral offerings were remarkable in number, among them a wreath from Granite City Lodge, I. O. O. L. M. U., of which Mrs. Bianchi is a member. The floral offerings were too numerous to mention but were greatly appreciated by the stricken family.

A great many friends besides a delegation of Odd Ladies, accompanied the remains to the Catholic cemetery where the bodies were interred. The pall bearers were John Peduzzi, Joseph Gelpi, E. Peduzzi, G. Peduzzi, G. Gelpi, and H. Gelpi. Mrs. Bianchi was unable to attend the services, but is a great deal better today.

All day Saturday and through the night, a great many people called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bianchi, to express their sympathy. Another child was lost to them last spring.

**Body Taken to St. Johnsbury.**  
The body of Francis Broderick, the third victim of the drowning accident, was taken to St. Johnsbury on the 7:30 train this morning, where services will be held from the Catholic church at 10:30, the Rev. Fr. Leonard officiating. The interment will be in the Catholic cemetery at St. Johnsbury.

Flowers came to the Broderick home all through the day Saturday and Sunday, until there was a most beautiful display, each offering expressing the sympathy of some friend. Mr. and Mrs. Broderick were deeply touched by the many expressions of sympathy.

## LAST OF FIVE BROTHERS.

And Everyone of The Edwards Boys  
Died of Consumption.

George Edwards, a native of Stonywood, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, died at the home of Robert Troup, 565 North Main street, Sunday morning. Mr. Edwards is the last of five brothers who came to this country about 17 years ago, all having died of tuberculosis. On coming to this city he learned the stone cutter trade and worked at it until a little less than two years ago. He had been confined to his bed about a month.

Mr. Edwards leaves no family, but has one sister in Scotland. He was a member of Operative Lodge, No. 115, A. F. and A. M., of Aberdeen, also a member of Hiawatha Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F., of this city, of the Independent Order of Foresters, and of the Granite Cutters' union.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock from the home of Robert Troup, 565 North Main street.

## HIS NECK BROKEN.

Nathaniel Sawyer of Barton Fell Down  
Stairs Today.

Barton, Nov. 27.—Nathaniel Sawyer, aged 73 years, fell down stairs at his home this morning and broke his neck. He is survived by his wife, who is a sister of the late Judge L. H. Thompson.

## TERRIFIC GALE LAST NIGHT.

But No Loss of Life in English Channel  
Is Reported.

London, Nov. 27.—A terrific gale which prevailed last night did great damage in England and western Europe. No loss of life in channel is reported, however.

There will be a special meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church at the vestry Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. All those having charge of booths, etc., are asked to be present.

LAST HOPE OF  
MURDERESS  
FADES AWAYUnited States Supreme Court  
Declines To Interfere In  
Mary Rogers Case.DECISION WAS  
RENDERED TODAY

Woman Who Killed Her Husband at  
Bennington, After Being Twice Re-  
prieved, Will Probably Now Pay the  
Penalty.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—The supreme court refuses to interfere in the case of Mrs. Rogers, the Vermont murderess. Decision was given today.

Mrs. Rogers was convicted of murdering her husband at Bennington and sentenced to be hanged. She has been twice reprieved. The date set for her execution at the state prison is Friday, December 8.

## HER LEG BROKEN.

Mrs. May Pratt in Collision at Montpelier.

Mrs. May Pratt of East hill, Barre town, met with an accident at Montpelier Saturday evening, whereby she broke her right leg between the hip and the knee.

Mrs. Pratt was driving down Barre street from F. W. Benjamin's, where she had been calling, shortly after five o'clock. It was rather dark owing to the street lamps not having been lighted. She started to cross from the right-hand side to the opposite side of the street, not seeing the team of A. A. Whitcomb coming in the opposite direction. They collided with considerable force and Mrs. Pratt's horse broke the tugs and started to run. Mrs. Pratt hung onto the lines and was dragged over the dash board. Mr. Whitcomb caught the horse before he had gone but a few jumps.

Mr. Whitcomb was not injured, but Mrs. Pratt was unable to rise, and was taken to the home of C. E. Lowe, nearby, and Dr. Chandler was called. He found the bone of her right leg to be fractured between the hip and knee. Mrs. Pratt was removed to Heaton hospital where she rests as comfortably as is possible. Mrs. Pratt places no blame whatever on Mr. Whitcomb, as it was too dark for either to see the other, and each was trying to cross the car track, at a fair rate of speed.

## DEAF FROM A CHILD.

John Ferris Married a Deaf Woman and  
Worked for Deaf Man.

Fayston, Nov. 27.—John Ferris, better known as "Dumpty" Ferris, died last week at the home of his sister. He was born in New York City 54 years ago. When 18 months old he fell out of bed and slept so long after the fall that he was deaf when he woke up. He married a deaf mute, who died a short time afterwards, and he for a time worked for a deaf mute.

CHAWFORD AND HUNT  
BOTH PLEAD GUILTY

They Were Charged With Being Acces-  
sories After the Fact in Connection  
With Death of Susan Geary.

Boston, Nov. 27.—Louis W. Crawford and William E. Hunt, alias Howard, pleaded guilty this morning to the indictment charging them with being accessories after the fact, to the death of Susan Geary. They were remanded for sentence. Dr. Percy D. McLeod, who had pleaded not guilty, was placed on trial, a jury being quickly secured.

## WANT TO GO HOME.

And the Manchurian Army, If Refused,  
Will Kill Officers.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 27.—Today's news regarding the outbreak among the soldiers of the Manchurian army shows the situation to be precarious. The soldiers are demanding that they be sent home immediately and threaten to kill their officers unless their demands are granted.

## WILL YIELD TOMORROW.

Will the Sultan of Turkey to the De-  
mands of the Powers.

Paris, Nov. 27.—Advices received today indicate that the sultan will yield to the demands of the powers for control of the finances of Macedonia tomorrow.

## Two New Cases Develop.

Richard, Nov. 27.—The hearing of W. W. White, the druggist, and his daughter and son, in the wood alcohol case, was postponed this morning until tomorrow. The case will be heard before Justice of the Peace Arthur McKinney, and State's Attorney Warren R. Austin of St. Albans left today for Richard to prosecute the case. An autopsy on the body of Mrs. "Duff" LeGrand is being held today. The result of the autopsies on the bodies of Nelson Royston and Marshall Bliss showed that they did not die of any disease. Two new cases have developed.

EXTRAVAGANT CHARLIE.  
Twelve-Year-Old Boy Has an Adventur-  
ous Time.

His father and the police have been searching today for little Charlie Griffin, who, well-equipped with cash, left his home on Washington street last night for a good time. Charlie is the hustling newsboy and popcorn vender, who yells "Pop corn!" in your ears, as soon as he disposes of a big bunch of papers. Charlie is a money-getter, and a money-spender also, as several stores in town can testify. Among his purchases today were a \$12 chair which he ordered sent up to a well known house in South Barre and a pound of expensive candy, with which he delighted the hearts of several small companions.

The lad, who is only twelve years old, went to bed with his twin brother as usual last night. This morning his place in the bed was vacant. The father, who had gone to his work, was notified, and he in turn notified Chief Brown. They started to work to hunt for the boy, notifying the police in Montpelier also. Charlie, who went away from home with two twenty-dollar bills, left a trail of lavish expenditures and soon made quite a hole in his capital stock. After making several purchases he told his admiring boy friends that he was going to take the electric car and go as far toward South Barre as the car would take him, and that he was then going to put an end to his strenuous life by going to school.

This isn't the first time that Charlie has been on a trip by himself, and unknown to his father.

The lad was found at South Barre this afternoon. He still had \$25 of his original capital.

IMPORTANT DEALS  
IN GRANITE TRADE

L. G. Rizzi Closing Up Negotiations  
for Purchase of Plant of Young  
Bros.—Cady & Lebourveau  
May Buy Out a Plant.

Two deals of considerable importance in the granite business of Barre are under negotiation or practically completed. They are the sale of the manufacturing plant of Young Bros., to L. G. Rizzi and of the McDonald, Cutler & Co., manufacturing plant to Cady & Lebourveau. The former, it is expected, will be closed up today. Both of the businesses are well established and are doing excellent business. McDonald, Cutler & Co., are largely interested in the new quarrying firm of the Barre Quarry company and the Young Brothers intend to go into the retail business, with location at present not settled. The members of the firm are Alex. Walter and Arthur.

Their plant is located off Blackwell street, and has been occupied by them since 1896, or since their coming to Barre from East Barre. It is quite well equipped, and the brothers have succeeded in building up a strong business. Their residences are in the town of Berlin on the road to Montpelier. The purchaser, L. G. Rizzi, has been doing business in the shed of C. W. McMillan & Son, where he sold granite. The new quarters will give him opportunity to attend to his enlarging business.

It is reported that Young Bros. are to receive in the neighborhood of ten or twelve thousand dollars.

SAID THEY BOUGHT  
LIQUOR OF THE WOMAN

And Court Bound Over Adele Fontana  
for Trial on the Charge of Selling  
Liquor Illegally.

Because the police secured two barrels of beer and a jug of whiskey at her house on Railroad street Friday and because the prosecution alleges that she sold liquor contrary to law, Adele Fontana was in city court this morning for a preliminary hearing. After the state had finished showing up the case the court found probable cause and bound the respondent over to county court. State's Attorney Jackson looked after the prosecution, and M. M. Gordon defended the woman.

Twenty witnesses were summoned, but only a part were heard. Several testified that they had purchased liquor of the respondent, while others had clouded memories regarding the occurrences. On the stand were some of those who were in the house Friday afternoon when the officers made the raid. The hearing was concluded at noon.

## ANOTHER RAID.

Police Descend on House of Attilio Brignola Last Night.

With a search warrant issued by State's Attorney Jackson, the regular police force with Special Officers Dyer and Charles Johnson, raided the place of Attilio Brignola on the extreme end of Maple avenue last evening, with successful results. They secured two barrels of wine and a jug of brandy. They first arrested Brignola and then went back after his wife. Both were arraigned in city court this morning, and their trials were set for Wednesday, December 6. Bail for each was fixed at \$450, and Desidero Giindici was recognized as bondsman.

## STRUCK BY LIMB.

Stanley Adams Was Badly Hurt at Middlesex.

Montpelier, Nov. 27.—Stanley Adams is in Heaton hospital with a broken leg and a chipped bone, injuries sustained while logging in the woods at Middlesex. A limb of a tree which he was felling struck him before he could get out of the way.

EXPLOSION  
AT GAS PLANTPartially Wrecked Building  
and Caused Fire

WAS ONE NARROW ESCAPE

Fire Soon Extinguished But Damage  
Will Be Considerable, Besides  
Causing Much  
Delay.

An explosion of gas in the cleaners in the generating building of the gas plant of the People's Lighting, Heating and Power Co., off Depot Square at 2:12 o'clock yesterday afternoon partially wrecked the main building and also set fire to it. That Dwight Mills, who is employed by the company, was not killed or seriously injured is most remarkable. Mr. Wells was standing within three feet of where the explosion occurred, when he heard a slight noise in the tanks, and knowing something was wrong had just time to step around behind the side of the generator wall when the explosion came. The force of the explosion blew a large hole in the roof directly over the cleaners and a part of the gable end of the building was torn open. One of the three cleaners, which are sheet iron, hollow, and stand about twelve feet high and are five feet in diameter, was blown from the pit in which it stood clear across the building, and the other two were knocked down. Nearly all the windows in the building were broken and the bricks in the walls were cracked and pushed out in many places. The door in the boiler room that opens out of doors was closed at the time of the explosion and was blown into atoms by the concussion. With the exception of having his hair and whiskers singed, Mr. Wells is as comfortable as if nothing had happened.

The noise of the explosion was heard nearly all over the city and a large crowd was attracted to the scene. The frame work of the roof, which is practically all the wood work there is about the building, took fire, but was put out by the fire company in about half an hour. The alarm was rung in from box 15 on Granite street at 2:13. The instant after the explosion occurred, Mr. Wells rushed out of the building and ran to the gas tank and turned off the connection with the generator in the main building. The three cleaners stand in a pit which is filled with water, and the gas as it is generated passes into them and is washed by the water, and then goes into the pipe which carries it to the large receiving tank outside the building. The explosion blew the cleaners and water out of the pit and left the pipe from the receiving tank open and a twenty-inch stream of burning gas was shooting up to the roof of the building when Mr. Wells shut off the connection. There was no danger of the big gas tank exploding, as the gas was forced out through the pipe the same as through a common gas burner, and the tank could not be exploded unless the gas was allowed to get so low that there was no pressure and a vacuum was caused in the pipe.

Mr. Wells told a reporter that he did not know what caused the explosion. He had been in the building to keep up the fires in the boiler and was about ready to go home when the explosion occurred.

A large crowd was attracted to Depot Square, and for a while most of the people were content to witness the sight from a safe distance, fearing another explosion. But the turning off the gas cock into the tank prevented that possibility. What little fire there was the fire company made short work of, and the excitement was all over in half an hour.

Directors Howland and Bush and Manager Anker of the company went last evening to Burlington to confer with other directors regarding repairs, and the company will be in shape as soon as it is possible. Today they furnished gas in storage. It is impossible to state what the loss is, but an estimate places it at \$5,000, almost entirely from the explosion and not from fire.

## PRESBYTERIAN FAIR CLOSED.

Another Large Attendance Saturday  
Evening.

The Presbyterian fair in Hale's pavilion closed Saturday evening with another large attendance. Almost every article in the booths was closed out, by the time of closing.

A very well arranged programme was rendered. The first number was a song by six little girls of olden times, followed by tableaux from the Courtship of Miles Standish. The tableaux were remarkably good, but the ladies were disappointed at the last moment in obtaining a reader. Parts taken from the poem were to have been read, thus explaining the tableaux. A great deal of time had been put into the getting up of costumes suitable to the Pilgrim fathers, and the audience could very easily have imagined themselves looking at real Puritans, as they lived at Plymouth.

A piano duet was given by Misses Phillips and Walker. The last and best number on the programme was the farce in two acts, entitled "Jacks Bluff" given by Miss Marion and Mr. Carpenter of the seminary. Both took their parts remarkably well and kept the audience in an uproar of laughter. The ladies highly appreciated the kindness of Miss Marion and Mr. Carpenter, in consenting to present this enjoyable farce.